

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 STATE ROUTE 295
CHATHAM, NY 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2018 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman John Wapner. Councilman Kevin Weldon, Town Attorney Salvatore Ferlazzo and Deputy Town Clerk Janie Miller

ABSENT: Councilman Bob Balcom

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6PM and led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION

Tracy Brown from Trout Unlimited Northeastern Restoration Coordinator did a presentation, regarding the Town of Chatham Road Stream Crossing Survey Evaluation and Prioritization Project.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Councilman Wapner, seconded by Councilman Weldon and carried, the Board entered a Closed Session at 6:18 PM for attorney/client privilege discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 5 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Recreation & Parks Committee: Weldon said that the Park Day was a big success. Meeting in September with what would interest the community for next year's Park Day. The lease of the Loam Garden was terminated because of breach of contract. Yoga classes were not in the contract and having a shed on the property was not approved by the board.
- Citizens Finance and Planning Committee: On file.
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee: On file. The Comprehensive Committee will be meeting on Sept. 17th at the North Chatham Library discussing the subdivision laws.
- Climate Smart Community Committee: Weldon is meeting with the Village Mayor on working on straightening out the parking lot issue with the electric vehicle charging program. There are two signs supposed to designating the spots and the signs keep getting taken down. They are working on the energy plan and hoping to get future grant money.
- Communications Committee: No report.

REPORTS

- Highway Department –There is a slope failure on Hartigan Road and the repair will be costly because it is so steep. Joe is asking for assistance from a special contractor.
- Assessor-On file
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
- Dog Control
- Environmental Management Council
- Finance Department Report
- Justice Court

- Office of the Aging Advisory Board
- Recreation Director –On file
- Supervisor’s Report-On file
- Town Accounting firm – Monthly Financial Report & Abstract
- Town Attorney-Finishing negotiations with National Grid.
- Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

- Christie Ellis appointed as new member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Architectural services for completion of pavilion at Crellin Park. Board would like to put out the bid again for the cost of the pavilion for services and construction of \$15,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed replacing the heating system for new efficient heating system Town Highway garage building. The Climate Smart Committee requested a grant for \$35,000 and a credit from NYSERDA for \$5,000. Project cost is \$58,900, which will be coming from the reserve fund.
- Public Hearing on September 4 for proposed draft Zoning Law

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 126-2018 appointing Christie Ellis as member to Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion made by Councilwoman Haber Seconded by Councilman Weldon

VOTE: AYE: Lull, Haber, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None

Resolution 127-2018 to accept the financial Abstract as present to pay the

Town's bills.

Motion made by Councilman Weldon Seconded by Councilwoman Haber

VOTE: AYE: Lull, Haber, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None

Resolution 128-2018 to accept the town accountant's financial report of July 31, 2018.

Motion made by Councilman Weldon Seconded by Councilwoman Haber

VOTE: AYE: Lull, Haber, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None

Resolution 129-2018 to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting(s) of 2018. **Tabled**

Resolution 130-2018 to accept termination of lease Loam Gardens Limited

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham entered into an Agreement with Loam Gardens Limited doing business as Chatham Children's Garden in April 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Loam Gardens Limited was notified June 29, 2018 that Loam Gardens Limited was in violation of the Lease Agreement regarding the installation of a garden shed and promoting and holding yoga classes without permission from the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board received an email notification from Cait Denny, Loam Gardens Limited on August 10, 2018 terminating the lease agreement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board accepts the termination of lease from Loam Gardens Limited effective immediately.

Motion made by Councilwoman Haber Seconded by Councilman Weldon

VOTE: AYE: Lull, Haber, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None

Resolution 131-2018 to approve replacement of heating system at Town Highway garage.

WHEREAS, The Town of Chatham Highway Department is in need of a replacement heating system for the Highway garage, at 865 CR 13, Old Chatham, NY, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Chatham Highway Department currently has a forced hot air system fuel oil furnace in the garage area and electric heat in the lunchroom, bathroom and office, and

WHEREAS, The Climate Smart Committee has recently submitted a grant request for partial funding towards a new heating system for the amount of \$35,000.00, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Chatham received a sole bid for (One) New Advanced Cordwood Boiler with Propane Backup Heat System for the sum of \$63,900.00, allowing a \$5000.00 NYSERDA Credit, making the net sum of the project \$58,900.00, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board accepts the sole bid of (One) New Advanced Cordwood Boiler with Propane Backup Heat System w/Installation from The Radiant Store, Rensselaer Technology Park, 405 Jordan Road, Troy, NY 12180 for the net sum of

\$58,900.00, expensing \$35,000.00 from said grant and balance of \$23,900 paid from amendment to budget (A5132.2 Garage) from FUND A Unreserved Fund Balance.

Motion made by Councilman Wapner Seconded by Councilwoman Haber

VOTE: AYE: Lull, Haber, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None

Resolution 132-2018 to accept the contract for architectural & management services to complete pavilion at Crellin Park. **Tabled**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Janie Miller

Deputy Town Clerk